



Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday, February 8, 2012 Lunenburg High School Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

School Committee

David Reif
Gregory Berthiaume
Michael Mackin
Donna White
Colleen Shapiro

Superintendent

Loxi Jo Calmes

Recording Secretary

Mary Landi

Student Representative

Emma Degrace

Guests

School Building Committee

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- * Call to Order – In Dr. Reif's absence, Dr. Berthiaume called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
 - * Chairman's Report – None.
 - * Review and Approve Minutes
 - February 1, 2012 Regular Session Minutes – Approved by Dr. Berthiaume.
 - * Review and Approve Warrants – None.
 - * Call to Order – Mr. Mackin called the School Building Committee meeting to order.
 - * Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Calmes reported on the following:
 - A discussion on the FY13 budget will be on the agenda for next week's School Committee meeting, which will be on February 15 at 7:00 at the high school.
 - Welcome to Emma Degrace who will be the student representative to the school committee for the remainder of the school year. Thank you to Jen Markham for her service as the previous student rep from the high school.
 - Implementation of PowerSchool's parent portal is ongoing and will soon be live at all schools. THMS opened its parent portal right after the school year began. Parents can track their child's assignments, grades, and attendance through the parent portal.
 - The girls track team had some remarkable accomplishments this season, highlighted by those of student/athlete Jen Markham.
 - A new teacher evaluation system is being implemented by the State; it must be in place in the district by September 2012 because we are a district in Race To The Top.
 - * Student Report – Ms. Degrace reported on the National Honor Society blood drive and the girls track team.
 - * New Business
 - Discussion
 - a. School Facilities / School Building Committee – Mr. John Londa addressed the committee and audience. He directed everyone's attention to the handout that was part of the study done by Drummey

Rosane Anderson, Inc. The document listed the assessment of Lunenburg High School, Turkey Hill Middle School, and T.C. Passios Elementary School, including critical repairs, necessary repairs and recommended repairs, as well as items grandfathered. All were listed specific to each school. Mr. Londa gave a detailed review of all items and the costs associated with the necessary repairs; he also talked about the repairs that have been made to date. Dr. Berthiaume thanked Mr. Londa.

Mr. Mackin stated that the School Building Committee met on February 2 and organized itself. Tentative dates have been set for future meetings; Mr. Mackin will send those out once firmed up. At 7:36 p.m. Mr. Mackin moved to adjourn the School Building Committee meeting.

The superintendent noted that we would be putting reconfiguration on the SC agenda soon. In response to a question from the audience, the superintendent clarified that the School Committee has the authority to reconfigure the schools, and the School Building Committee is charged with working with the MSBA to build a new school.

Action

- a. Grant Application – Superintendent Calmes gave an overview of the Title 1 Partnership Grant, which is based solely on MCAS results. We have partnered with an underperforming elementary school in Gardner in applying for the competitive grant through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The amount of the grant request is \$60,000, which is the total for both schools; it would provide professional development around Title 1. Superintendent Calmes recommended approval of request. Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to approve the grant request. Vote: unanimous.
- b. Quebec Trip – Superintendent Calmes brought forth a request from LHS foreign language teacher Jessica Beardmore to take students on a trip to Quebec for Carnivale week. The cost is \$753 per student. The superintendent recommended initial approval at this time. Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to grant initial approval of this request. Vote: unanimous.

* Old Business

Action

- a. Proposal to Construct Public Ice Skating Rink – Superintendent Calmes provided some background information on the proposal to construct a public ice skating rink at the high school. The frame would be set up after football season is over. The superintendent noted that we need to get some additional answers around snow removal, etc., before we can approve. Superintendent Calmes recommended approval of the proposal with contingencies. There was discussion around access to the rink, including securing the rink. Ms. Shapiro moved and Ms. White seconded a motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation. Vote: unanimous.

- * Public Comment – Dr. Berthiaume informed everyone that the School Committee was asking the superintendent to reduce the proposed FY13 budget by 1.2 million dollars, not \$600,000 as stated at last week's meeting. This will make a major impact. Dr. Berthiaume encouraged everyone to attend the meeting.

* Reports

- a. Advisory Committee - Reconfiguration
- b. Finance Committee
- c. School Councils
- d. PTO
- e. Policy Sub-Committee – Ms. Shapiro reported the committee met today and is reviewing Section 1000; it will also be reviewing the wellness policy.
- f. Capital Planning Committee
- g. Health Advisory Committee
- h. PAC/SAL
- i. Regional Planning Committee
- j. Rep. Benson's Advisory
- k. Other

* Continuing Projects/Estimated Date of Completion

* Items for Future Discussion

- Workshop Sessions
- Facilities Use Procedure
- Civic Engagement

* Executive Session - M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B [3] To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigating position. At 7:56 p.m. Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to enter into executive session, not to return to regular session for the purpose of discussing strategies related to contract negotiations. Vote: unanimous.

Roll Call

Dr. Berthiaume – yes

Mr. Mackin – yes

Ms. Shapiro – yes

Ms. White – yes

* Adjournment – At 8:37 p.m. Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to adjourn regular session. Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Landi

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APPROVED

Lunenburg School Committee

Date: 2/15/12

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